of irrigation and power from the project, among the states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

(e) to (e) At present, construction of main canal carrying water from Sardar Sarovar Dam upto Rajasthan border is completed upto 357 kms length out of its length of 458 kms in Gujarat. As reported by Government of Gujarat, it is planned to complete remaining 101 kms upto Rajasthan border by October, 2006.

Keeping in view the need to accelerate the construction of Narmada Main Canal and distributaries for early development of irrigation facilities in the command area of the project, the Government of India has decided to include Sardar Sarovar Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). Under this Programme, Government of India has released Central Loan Assistance (CLA) grant of Rs. 4415.85 crore from the financial years 1996-97 to March, 2006 out of which Rs. 339.60 crore was released as grant during the financial year 2005-06.

The project or project component could be included in the programme of Central financial assistance on the basis of proposals submitted by the State Government and eligibility of project for inclusion in the programme as per eligibility criteria of the programme.

Handing over of various works to BBMC

†1626. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the provisions of Punjab Reorganization Act, 1966 the management of Ropar, Ferozepur and Herike Head work had to be handed over to the Bhakra-Beas Management Board;

(b) if so, the reasons for not handing over the management of above head works to the Bhakra-Beas Management Board;

(c) the authority who was given the responsibility to implement the said provision under the above Act and who is accountable for not fulfilling this responsibility; and

(d) by when the management of all the above three head works will be handed over to the Bhakra-Beas Management Board?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Section 79(1) of "The Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966" (Act) provides for the administration, maintenance and operation by the Bhakra Management Board (now the Bhakra Beas Management Board, or BBMB) of, *inter alia*, the irrigation headworks of Rupur (Ropar), Harike and Ferozepur.

(b) to (d) Section 79(3) (a) of the Act *inter-alia* provides that the function of the Board shall include the regulation of the supply of water from Bhakra-Nangal Project to the State of Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan having regard to any arrangement made between in Governments of the (then) existing State of Punjab and the State of Rajasthan. The control of the head works is at present with the Government of Punjab and the State of Rajasthan. The control of the head works is at present with the Government of Punjab and it has been the continuing endeavour of the Central Government to resolve the issue of transfer of control of the head works from Government of Punjab to BBMB, amicably among the concerned States. However, no agreement was arrived at despite two Inter-State meetings, in which the issue was discussed. Later, Hon'ble High court of Rajasthan in a judgement dated 02.05.05 in a Civil Writ Petition directed BBMB to take over control of the above head works from Punjab within 30 days. The State of Punjab filed a Special Level Petition against the judgement and Hon'ble Supreme Court stayed the operation of the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan. The matter is now before the hon'ble Supreme Court and is dependant on its order.

Requirement of Water

1627. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to know the water requirement for the next ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Integrated Water